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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TECH, PARM, JA

SUBJECT: REGIONAL REPROCESSING CENTER DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ

REF: TOKYO 3748

1. IN MEETING WITH OTSUKA AND OTA REPORTED SEPTTEL, SCICOUNS FOUND OPPORTUNITY TO TRY TO CONFIRM IMAI PROPOSAL (REFTEL). OTSUKA RAISED REGIONAL REPROCESSING SUBJECT HIMSELF IN OFFHAND BUT POSITIVE MANNER BY REFERRING TO RECENT NEWSPAPER EDITORIAL WHICH COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON CONCEPT. SCICOUNS ASKED IN RETURN IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ON SUBJECT OF U.S./JAPAN BILATERAL TALKS AND OTSUKA REPLIED IN NEGATIVE. HE STATED THAT JAPAN WOULD BE READY TO PROCEED WITH THIS AND OTHER OUTSTANDING NUCLEAR QUESTIONS AFTER NPT RATIFICATION MATTER SETTLED, ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THERE IS STILL CHANCE FOR RATIFICATION TO TAKE PLACE IN CURRENT DIET SESSION. THERE WAS NO INDICATION IN THIS EXCHANGE THAT OTSUKA IS SEEKING FORMAL INITIATION OF TALKS FROM U.S. SIDE. HE STRESSED HEAVY WORK LOAD CAUSED BY NPT DELIBERATIONS ON SMALL NUMBER OF MOFA PERSONNEL HANDLING NUCLEAR MATTERS INTERFERED WITH TAKING ON NEW AND COMPLICATED ISSUES FOR
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PRESENT.

2. SUGGEST THAT DEPT MAY WISH TO PURSUE U.S. PROPOSAL
FOR REPROCESSING TALKS WITH OTSUKA WHEN HE ARRIVES
WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK (SEE SEPTTEL), THEREBY OBTAINING
FIRST HAND REACTION.
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